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TAGS: MOPS, PINS, AEMR, CG, AO
SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: SITREP 46 (APRIL 28, 1977)

1. FOLLOWING IS THE 46TH MISSION-WIDE SURVEY INCLUDING REPORTS FROM LUBUMBASHI AND BUKAVU.

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MILITARY SITUATION AS OF 271700Z APR 77.
NOTE: ALL GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCES ARE TAKEN FROM JOINT OPERATIONS GRAPHIC SERIES 1501 MAPS.

2. HOSTILE FORCES:
A. FAZ CONTINUES TO REPORT NO HOSTILE RESISTANCE IN THE

SOUTHERN SUB-SECTOR (KOLWEZI-DILOLO AXIS).

B. APPARENTLY AT LEAST A PORTION OF KAFAKUMBA (0940X/2346E) WAS BACK IN ENEMY HANDS AS OF 27 APR. NO DETAILS AVAILABLE AT DDN TO EXPLAIN HOW THIS OCCURRED OR WHEN.

C. ACCORDING TO A BELGIAN STAFF OFFICER AT DDN, AN OFFICER OF THE HOSTILE FORCE RECENTLY SURRENDERED TO FAZ. HE AND THE TWO POW'S REPORTED EARLIER ARE IN KINSHASA AND WILL UNDERGO FURTHER INTERROGATION ON 28 APR IN AN EFFORT TO LEARN THE CODE USED BY HOSTILE FORCES TO DESCRIBE LOCATIONS IN SHABA.

D. NO INDICATIONS HAVE SO FAR BEEN SURFACED BY DDN THAT THE HOSTILE FORCES ARE PLANNING TO REVERT TO TERRORIST/CLANDESTINE ACTIVITIES. THE ONLY HOSTILE INTENTION APPEARS TO BE TO DESTROY BRIDGES, HOWEVER THEY APPARENTLY LACK SPECIALISTS IN DEMOLITIONS. ACCORDING TO RADIO TRANSMISSIONS MONITORED BY FAZ, THE HOSTILE FORCES ARE ASKING FOR DEMOLITION "EXPERTS" TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD "FROM THE REAR."

3. ZAIRIAN FORCES:

A. FRAGMENTARY REPORTS RECEIVED AT DDN PLACE THE FORWARD MOST ELEMENT OF FAZ AT MASOJI (1027S/2401E). DDN IS TRYING TO CONFIRM THIS INFORMATION. HOWEVER, REPORTING IS ALWAYS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN DURING A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT SUCH AS IS NOW OCCURRING IN SHABA.

B. TASK FORCE MUKOBO REMAINS IN THE LEAD, AUGMENTED BY THE 2ND DIR. TASK FORCE BILOLO AND THE 3RD DIR ARE RESTING AND REFITTING AT MUTSHATSHA IN PREPARATION FOR RESUMING THE LEAD.

C. LTC VUADI IS REPORTED TO HAVE RELOCATED HIS COMMAND POST IN THE VICINITY OF KWANDA (0934S/2409E). SOME OF HIS TROOPS ARE SAID TO BE STILL AT KAFAKUMBA, HOWEVER DETAILS ARE LACKING AT DDN.

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D. NO SITREP RECEIVED FROM EITHER KASAI ON APRIL 27. THE ONLY INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM THE NORTHERN SUB-SECTOR IS THAT FAZ NUMBERS 1300 MEN, MIXED GENDARMES AND 1ST INF BATTALION, FOR THE THREE AXES OF ADVANCE TOWARDS KAPANGA (0821S/2240E). IN ADDITION THERE ARE SOME 200 FAZ FROM THE 17TH INF BATTALION IN BLOCKING POSITIONS NEAR THE ANGOLAN BORDER SOUTH OF TSHIKAPA (0624S/2047E).

E. LTG BUMBA REMAINS IN THE KINSHASA AREA. NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON HIS REPORTED ASSIGNMENT TO COMMAND OF BAS-ZAIRE.

F. ACCORDING TO A BELGIAN STAFF OFFICER AT DDN, MG BABIA IS AWARE THAT LUFUPA VILLAGE AND ITS INHABITANTS (VICINITY 1037S/2456E) HAVE FARED RATHER BADLY AT THE HANDS OF THE FAZ. MG BABIA REALIZES THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS EVENT AND UNDERSTANDS THE NECESSITY TO AVOID FURTHER INCIDENTS. HOW THIS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE FIELD REMAINS UNSPECIFIED.

G. COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AT DDN THAT LEAD FAZ ELEMENTS ARE OUT OF FOOD. THERE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A 14 DAY STOCK OF RATIONS AT KOLWEZI NOW, BUT DELIVERIES FORWARD ARE BEING HAMPERED BY LACK OF ORGANIZATION.

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4. MOROCCAN FORCES: NO CHANGE IN LOCATIONS REPORTED FOR
1ST DIR OR 4TH DIR. 2ND DIR IS REPORTED TO BE IN THE VICINITY
OF MASOJI; 3RD DIR AT MUTSHATSHA.

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A. NO UPDATE PROVIDED BY DDN, EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT "EIGHT HELICOPTERS ARE TIED UP IN SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT IN SHABA."

B. TWO US SUPPLY AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE KINSHASA
28 APR; ONE CHARTER WORLD AIRWAYS DC-8 FROM ITALY WITH C-RATIONS
(PARA 5E, SITREP 45); AND NORMAL USAF C-141 BIWEEKLY MAC
SUPPLY RUN.

C. US AND FRENCH AIRLIFT REPORTED IN SITREP 45 ARRIVED AS
SCHEDULED.

6. DOMESTIC PRESS: "MORE OF THE SAME" IS THE THEME OF KINSHASA MEDIA PLAY APRIL 18 WITH CONTINUING COVERAGE OF MOBUTU SHABA TRIP, INCLUDING VISIT TO KAMINA. MOBUTU-GARBA LUBUMBASHI MEETING REPORTED WITHOUT DETAILS AND FEW DETAILS GIVEN OF SCHEDULED AMIN VISIT APRIL 28. "ELIMA" RUNS SEVERAL PHOTOS OF COMBAT FATIGUES-CLAD MOBUTU INSPECTING TROOPS, ETC. "ELIMA" AND ZAIRE PRESS AGENCY (AZAP) EDITORIALS SPEAK OF NIGERIAN MEDIATION EFFORT IN MUCH THE SAME TONE -- ZAIRE WILL NOT DISCUSS ANY QUESTION OF ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. "WHAT PURPOSE IS SERVED BY A DIALOGUE ON THE AFFAIR OF THE INVASION PERPETRATED AGAINST ZAIRE, AS LONG AS THE LEADERS OF LUANDA DO NOT SHOW THE WILL TO END ALL SUBVERSIVE ACTIONS ORGANIZED FROM THEIR TERRITORY?" ASKED "ELIMA". AZAP NOTES, TOO, THAT FAZ/MOROCCAN OFFENSIVE WILL CONTINUE REGARDLESS OF PROGRESS OF MEDIATION EFFORTS AS ZAIRE WILL NOT "HAGGLE OVER ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY."

7. DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION:

A. KINSHASA: CALM. MEDIA CONTINUE TO CARRY STORIES ON MPR-ORGANIZED MARCHES OF SUPPORT FOR MOBUTU IN OTHER AREAS OF COUNTRY.

B. LUBUMBASHI: LUBUMBASHI'S BUSINESSES WILL BE CLOSED AT 1000Z APRIL 28 TO GREET UGANDA'S PRESIDENT IDI AMIN WHO WILL VISIT SHABA'S CAPITAL. THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN LUBUMBASHI FOR THE WHOLE DAY. ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SCHEDULE, MOBUTU WILL STAY IN SHABA UNTIL SATURDAY, APRIL 30.

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(1) PRESIDENT MOBUTU ACCOMPANIED BY NIGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GARBA FLEW TO KOLWEZI ON APRIL 27 (RATHER THAN LIKASI AS HAD BEEN PLANNED BEFORE). GARBA ONLY SPENT ABOUT 30-45 MINUTES IN KOLWEZI LOOKING AT CAPTURED WEAPONS WITH THE PRESIDENT BEFORE HE BOARDED HIS PLANE AND RETURNED TO NIGERIA.

(2) THE DUSK TO DAWN CURFEW IN KOLWEZI WHICH HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE THE INVASION BEGAN WAS MODIFIED AFTER THE RECAPTURE OF MUTSHATSHA. THE NEW CURFEW HOURS ARE 10 P.M. TO 5 A.M.

D. KAMINA: FOLLOWING THE DEPARTURE OF NIGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GARBA FROM KOLWEZI, THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY AND ACCOMPANYING JOURNALISTS FLEW TO KAMINA AIR BASE LOCATED 24 KM OUTSIDE OF KAMINA. ACCORDING TO ONE OF THE JOURNALISTS, THEY

SPENT THE DAY LOOKING AT THE AIR BASE FACILITIES. HE NOTED THAT THEY RECEIVED NO BRIEFING ABOUT MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE KAPANGA OR KAFAKUMBA AREAS WHICH ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE KAMINA SECTOR HEADQUARTERS.

E. KIVU: BAKAVU CONTINUES CALM. FIZI-BARAKA SITUATION NORMAL. TENSION IN UVIRA, WHICH HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT, HAS LESSENED CONSIDERABLY OVER PAST TEN DAYS. MOST OF THE EXTRA TROOPS PREVIOUSLY THERE HAVE LEFT, REPORTEDLY SOUTH. HOWEVER, BEGINNING APRIL 24 LOCAL AUTHORITIES IMPOSED BAN ON FISHING AT NIGHT BY SMALL BOATS, LIKE BAN ALREADY IN EFFECT IN FIZI-BARAKA AREA. OSTENSIBLY DESIGNED TO GUARD AGAINST GUERRILLA MOVEMENTS ON LAKE, THE BAN WILL CRIPPLE THE ECONOMY OF UVIRA AND CAUSE WIDESPREAD SUFFERING IF IT CONTINUES.

8. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY: AGENCE ZAIRE PRESSE (APRIL 28) REPORTS THAT BEFORE DEPARTING ZAIRE YESTERDAY, NIGERIAN FOMIN GARBA STATED FLATLY THAT "NIGERIA HAS SENT NO TROOPS TO ANGOLA, THOUGH IT DOES HAVE A DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN LUANDA." GARBA INDICATED THAT HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH MOBUTU HAD BEEN "DIRECT AND VERY OBJECTIVE."

9. AMERICAN CITIZEN SITUATION: METHODISTS ON APRIL 27 AGAIN HAD NO RADIO CONTACT WITH KAPANGA, BUT HEARD VIA ZAIRIAN METHODISTS IN KALAMBA (100 KM TO EAST) WHO DID HAVE RECENT CONTACT WITH KAPANGA THAT ALL MISSIONARIES WERE ALL RIGHT.

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